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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of:

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE APPLICATION

We, Kazuo Ushida and Masaomi Kameyama, hereby make the following Declaration:

- 1) We are citizens of Japan residing at Tokyo, Japan.
- 2) We verily believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention described and claimed in United States Letters Patent No. 5,530,518 issued June 25, 1996, and in the specification and claims of the above-identified reissue application.
- 3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of said application.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that we are aware of which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
- 5) We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119 with respect to Japanese Patent Application No. 3-343601 filed December 25, 1991, the

priority of which was also claimed in our original application for patent.

6) We verily believe said Letters Patent to be partly inoperative by reason of our having claimed less than we had a right to claim in said Letters Patent, and more particularly by our having omitted therefrom claims of the scope of Claims 26-29 presented in this reissue application.

7) The failure to present, in our original application, claims of the scope of Claims 26-29 of our reissue application constitutes an error that arose without any deceptive intention on our part or on the part of Nikon Corporation, the Assignee of said Letters Patent.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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